# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER DOCKET NO.: 2006-1334-DCL-E TCEQ ID: RN104161476 CASE NO.: 30819 RESPONDENT NAME: N T & M, INC. DBA FINE CLEANERS

ORDER TYPE:					
X_1660 AGREED ORDER	FINDINGS AGREED ORDERFINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING				
FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	SHUTDOWN ORDERIMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER				
_AMENDED ORDER	EMERGENCY ORDER				
CASE TYPE:					
AIR	MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDO WASTE				
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLYPETROLEUM STORAGE TANKSOCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION					
WATER QUALITY	TER QUALITYSEWAGE SLUDGEUNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL				
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTERADIOACTIVE WASTEX DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION					
SITE WHERE VIOLATION OCCURRED  TYPE OF OPERATION: Dry cleaning faci	: 11111 West Little York Road, Houston, Har	ris County			
SMALL BUSINESS: X Yes	4o				
OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: Ther this facility location.	e are no complaints. There is no record of add	itional pending enforcement actions regarding			
INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent expressed an interest in this matter.					
COMMENTS RECEIVED: The Texas Register comment period expired on April 6, 2009. No comments were received.					
Ms. Lena Rober TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: TCEQ Regional Contact: Ms. Nico Respondent: Ms. Kathy Nguyen, Pr	Chahin, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 23 ts, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-001 Mr. Ross Fife, Waste Enforcement Section, Mole Bealle, Houston Regional Office, MC R-12 tesident, N T & M, Inc., 11111 W. Little York Strength by counsel on this enforcement matter.	9 C 128, (512) 239-2541 , (713) 767-3623			

#### **VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART: CORRECTIVE ACTIONS** VIOLATION INFORMATION PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED **Technical Requirements:** Type of Investigation: Total Assessed: \$1,185 Complaint The Respondent shall undertake the following X\_Routine Total Deferred: \$0 \_\_ Expedited Settlement \_\_\_ Enforcement Follow-up technical requirements: \_\_ Records Review Financial Inability to Pay 1) Within 15 days, complete and submit SEP Conditional Offset Date of Complaint Relating to this Case: the required dry cleaner registration Total Paid / Total Due to General Revenue: form for the Facility. None \$300 / \$885 Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: 2) Within 30 days, submit written, The Respondent paid \$300 of the administrative May 24, 2006 certified certification of compliance penalty. The remaining amount of \$885 shall be with the above Ordering Provision. payable in 5 monthly payments of \$177 each. Date of NOE Relating to this Case: August 11, 2006 Site Compliance History Classification: N/A **Background Facts:** The case was referred to the Litigation Division on Person Compliance History Classification: March 26, 2007. The EDPRP was filed May 14, 2007. The Respondent failed to respond to the Major Source: \_\_\_ Yes X No EDPRP, and a proposed Default Order was mailed to the Respondent on October 5, 2007. The Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 Respondent contacted the TCEQ attorney on October 23, 2007, and stated that she would like to settle the matter by signing an Agreed Order that included a payment plan. A signed Agreed Order was received on November 29, 2007; however, the Respondent failed to include the full amount of the initial penalty payment. The payment terms were revised and a new agreement was reached on January 30, 2009. **Current Compliance Status:** The Respondent registered the Facility on January 1, 2008; however, the registration has since expired. DCL: Failed to complete and submit the required registration form to the TCEQ for a dry cleaning and/or drop station facility [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 337.10(a) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 374.102].

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	(September 2002)				,	PCW Revision May	19, 2005
TCEQ							
1	14-Aug-2006					-	
PCW	21-Mar-2007	Screening	16-Aug-2006	EPA Due			
RESPONDENT/FACI							
•	NT&M, Inc. o		ers	•			
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.			<del>-1</del>			1	
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston			< Major/	Minor Source	Minor Source	<
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CASE INFORMATION							
Enf./Case ID No.				No.	of Violations		1
	2006-1334-DC	<u>L-E</u>			Order Type		<u> </u>
Media Program(s)				< Enf	. Coordinator		
Multi-Media					EC's Team	Enforcement Team 8	<
Admin. Penalty \$ L	imit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$50			
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		Pena	Ity Calcula	ation Sec	tion		
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TOTAL BASE PE	NALTY (Sum	of violation	n base penal	ties)		Subtotal 1	\$1,185
ADJUSTMENTS (	+/-) TO SUB	TOTAL 1					
Subtotals 2-7 are	obtained by multiply	ing the Total Base	Penalty (Subtotal 1)	) by the indicated p	ercentage.		
Compliance	History		0%	Enhancement	Subt	totals 2, 3, & 7	\$0
Notos	No adjustm	onto aro rocor	nmended base	d on Complian	co History		

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Notes	No adju	stments are reco	ommended base	ed on Compliar	nce History.		
Culpability [	No	[<	0%	Enhancement		Subtotal 4	\$0
Notes	` TI	ne respondent do	oes not meet th	e culpability cri	teria.		
Good Faith Eff	fort to Con Before NOV		0% 'Settlement Offer	Reduction		Subtotal 5	\$0
Ordinary	X	(mark with a sm	all x)				
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STATUTORY LIMIT	r adjus	TMENT				sessed Penalty	\$1,185
DEFERRAL					Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
Reduces the Final Assessed F	Penalty by the	indicted percentage.	(Enter number onl)	/; e.g. 20 for 20% re	eduction.)	٦	
Notes		No deferral is	offered for non-	expedited cases	s.		
PAYABLE PENALT	ГΥ					Г	\$1,185

Screening Date 16-Aug-2006

Docket No. 2006-1334-DCL-E

**PCW** 

Respondent NT & M, Inc. dba Fine Cleaners

Case ID No. 30819

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision May 19, 2005

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104161476

Media [Statute] Drycleaner Enf. Coordinator Mike Limos

## **Compliance History Worksheet**

## >> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement or without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	ders 0	0%
Judgments and	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees contain a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	ing 0	0%
Consent Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a de of liability, of this state or the federal government	nial 0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (numb of counts)	er 0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
A	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Ac 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were		0%
Audits .	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits fo which violations were disclosed)		0%
		se Enter Yes or No	
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	e No	0%
Other	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

>>	Repeat Violator	(Subtotal 3)		
	No	Z	Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)	0%
>>	Compliance His	tory <i>Person</i> Classific	cation (Subtotal 7)	
	N/A	[V]	Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)	0%
>>	Compliance His	tory Summary		
	Compliance History Notes	No adj	iustments are recommended based on Compliance History.	
			Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)

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Screening Date	16-Aug-2006 <b>D</b> c	cket No. 2006-1334-DCL-E		PCW
Respondent	N T & M, Inc. dba Fine Cleaner	s	Policy Rev	ision 2 (September 2002)
Case ID No.	30819		PC	W Revision May 19, 2005
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN104161476			
Media [Statute]				
Enf. Coordinator	Mike Limos			
Violation Number				•
Primary Rule Cite(s)		lmin. Code § 337.10(a)		
Secondary Rule Cite(s)	Tex. Health 8	& Safety Code § 374.102		÷
Violation Description	The respondent failed to com form to the TCEQ for a dr	plete and submit the required re y cleaning and/or drop station fac	gistration cility.	
		Ва	se Penalty[	\$50
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	the TCEQ letter dated M			
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Economic Benefit	(EB) for this violation	Statutory Limit 1	Γest	
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Estimated E	B Amount \$18	Violation Final Per	naity Total [	\$1,185
	This violation Fin	al Assessed Penalty (adjusted	for limits)	\$1,185

\$250

Approx. Cost of Compliance

TOTAL

\$18

**Compliance History Report** Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN602569733 NT&M, Inc. Classification: HIGH Rating: 0.00 RN104161476 FINE CLEANERS Classification: HIGH Site Rating: 0.00 Regulated Entity: ID Number(s): DRY CLEANERS REGISTRATION INTERNAL 104161476 INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE · EPA ID TXR000072686 **GENERATION** Rating Date: 9/1/2008 Repeat Violator: 11111 W LITTLE YORK RD, HOUSTON, TX, 77041 Location: **REGION 12 - HOUSTON** TCEQ Region: Date Compliance History Prepared: October 13, 2008 Enforcement Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: August 22, 2001 to August 22, 2006 Compliance Period: TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History 512-239-2541 Ross Fife Phone: Name: Site Compliance History Components 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period? No N/A 3. If Yes, who is the current owner? 4. if Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)? N/A N/A 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur? Components (Multimedia) for the Site: Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government. N/A В. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government. N/A Chronic excessive emissions events. N/A The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) D. 08/11/2006 (497262)N/A E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) N/A F. Environmental audits. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs). G. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates. H.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

N/A
Early compliance.

Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING N T & M, INC. DBA FINE CLEANERS, RN104161476

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#### BEFORE THE

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON** 

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2006-1334-DCL-E

## I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its \_\_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding N T & M, Inc. dba Fine Cleaners ("N T & M") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7 and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 374. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, represented by the Litigation Division, and N T & M, appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

- 1. N T & M owns, in accordance with Tex. Health & Safety Code § 374.001(12), and operates a dry cleaning facility located at 11111 W. Little York Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas (the "Facility").
- 2. This Agreed Order is entered into pursuant to Tex. Water Code §§ 7.051 and 7.070. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 5.013 because it alleges violations of Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 374 and TCEQ rules.
- 3. The Commission and N T & M agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that N T & M is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. N T & M received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 16, 2006.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by N T & M of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.

- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of one thousand one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$1,185.00) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). N T & M has paid three hundred dollars (\$300.00) of the administrative penalty. The remaining amount of eight hundred eighty-five dollars (\$885.00) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in five monthly payments of one hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$177.00) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If N T & M fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may, at his option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of N T & M to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by N T & M to timely and satisfactorily comply with all of the terms of this Agreed Order.
- 7. Any notice and procedures which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and N T & M have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
- 9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that N T & M has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

## II. ALLEGATIONS

N T & M is alleged to have violated 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.10(a) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 374.102 by failing to complete and submit the required registration form to the TCEQ for a dry cleaning and/or drop station facility as documented on May 24, 2006.

### III. DENIALS

N T & M generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

#### IV. ORDER

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that N T & M pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and N T & M's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from considering or requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: N T & M, Inc. dba Fine Cleaners, Docket No. 2006-1334-DCL-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. N T & M shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, N T & M shall complete and submit the required dry cleaner registration form for the Facility, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. Code ch. 337 to:

Dry Cleaning Registration Team Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, N T & M shall submit written certification of compliance with Ordering Provision 2.a. as described below:

The certification shall, include detailed supporting documentation including receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance, be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

and

Nicole Bealle, Waste Section Manager Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Houston Regional Office 5425 Polk Street, Suite H Houston, Texas 77023-1452

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon N T & M. N T & M is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If N T & M fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, N T & M's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. N T & M shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. N T & M shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after N T & M becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by NT & M shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until NT & M receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against N T & M in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 7. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
- 8. Under 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(b) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.142, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to N T & M, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to N T & M, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	
For the Executive Director	##8 07 3/3/2009 Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I represent that I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity, if any, indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that my failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or my failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on my compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted by me;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions against me;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions against me: and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

NGUYEN, KATHY

Name (Printed or typed)

Authorized representative of

NT & M, Inc. dba Fine Cleaners